Amount sanctioned for Rural Electrification Corporation in Andhra Pradesh

4054. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated during 1991-92 for the rural electrification programme by the Roral Electrification Corporation;

(b) the share of the Andhra Pradesh therein; and

(c) the number of pumpset energisation against the target set for Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Even though the Planning Commission had originally approved an outlay of Rs. 770 crores for rural electrification programme through Rural Electrification Corporation in 1991-92, the outlay had to be reduced to Rs. 510 crores due to resource crunch.

(b) The revised allocation for the rural electrification work in Andhra Pradesh for the year 1991-92 is Rs. 25.96 crores.

(c) During the year 1991-92, 37,200 pumpsets are targetted for energisation in Andhra Pradesh.

Hike in Tariff by DESU

4055. SHRI VIRENDER SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking to increase the rates of electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rates of domestic consumers are proposed to be raised to off-set the losses; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). Revision of tariff becomes necessary on account of increase in the cost of various inputs for generation of power, purchase of power from outside agencies and other expenditure. The position in this regard is reviewed by DESU from time to time. Delhi Electric Supply Committee is competent to fix electricity tariff in Delhi with the approval of Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

Purchase Order of Power Equipments

4056. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the fact that MAMC Ltd. had quoted the lowest rates for the power equipments from North Madras power project under Tamil Nadu State electricity Board and for super thermal power project unit-4 at Raichur under the Karnataka Power Corporation, supply orders have been placed with some private sector company;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct any enquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so the details thereof and action proposed to be taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the concerned State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.